

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Conducting Funerals

Funerals and graveside services can take place with the following requirements:

- Services may only take place at the funeral home or location of burial or cremation.
- Attendance must be limited to:
 - Members of one household of up to ten (10) people (members who live together at the same physical address);
 - One person who may view the decedent to confirm the identity as required by the mortuary, funeral home, or embalming service;
 - Essential funeral service staff; and, if desired,
 - One faith leader.
- Social (physical) distancing rules must be followed. That means at least 6 feet between household members in attendance and the funeral staff and faith leader.
- The service may be live streamed to permit virtual participation of others (see webcasting resources from the National Funeral Directors Association). It may also be taped for later viewing. In either case, the recording must be carried out by a family member or funeral staff person.
- People who feel sick or are at-risk for serious disease from COVID-19 should stay home.
- Tissues and alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be provided for use by families and staff and restrooms must be stocked with an adequate supply of soap and paper towels. Waste bins should be readily available for the disposal of tissues and paper towels.
- People should not touch or kiss the body of someone who has died of COVID-19. If touching occurs, the person should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to touching their face and anything or anyone else.
- In order to limit the need for people to touch the doorknob, keep the front door open (weather permitting) or ensure that a staff person is always available to open the door as permitted participants arrive
- Limit the use of objects, equipment, and supplies that may be difficult to disinfect or make it hard to ensure social (physical) distancing (e.g. tent walls).